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SETTING UP OF TECHNOLOGY MISSION FOR HORTICULTURE CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to cover only select perennial crops under the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme in some districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether demands have also been made to set up a technology mission for horticulture crops; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): No Sir, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) covers only foodpilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops. Perennial crops are not covered at present.

However, keeping in view the demands of various states, a Committee in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation was set up to examine the possibilities for the coverage of perennial crops. This Committee has recommended for coverage ofselected perennial crops on experimental basis. The Government of India have accepted the recommendations of the Committee.

(c)&(d): No sir, demand for setting up Technology Mission for horticultural crops has not been received by this Department. In fact, Technology Mission for horticultural crops are already under implementation in North-Eastern States.

Jammu and Kashmir has asked for a separate Technology Mission for horticultural crops in the state.